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1. DURING TOUR D'HORIZON WITH EMBOFF ON APRIL 6, O'NEILL HEAD OF FCO SOUTH ASIA DEPT., COMMENTED ON HIS VISIT TO INDIA IN MARCH. HE FOUND MRS. GANDHI'S POWER ENTRENCHED AND THE OPPOSITION CRUMBLING. HE THOUGHT THAT IF SHE WOULD NOT HOLD ELECTIONS NOW, WHILE HER POSITION IS STRONG, SHE WOULD NOT BE MORE LIKELY TO HOLD THEM IN 1977 WHEN HER POSITION MIGHT BE WEAKER. AS A RESULT, O'NEILL EXPECTED A FURTHER DWINDLING OF SUPPORT FROM THE BRITISH BODY POLITIC FOR AID TO INDIA. HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT THERE REMAINS A HARD CORE OF PRO-INDIAN SUPPORT IN THE FORM OF INDIAN IMMIGRANTS CONCENTRATED IN SOME ELECTORAL DISTRICTS IN THE UK AND ELDER LEADERS OF THE LABOR PARTY WHO PUSHED FOR INDIAN INDEPENDENCE IN 1947.

2. O'NEILL MENTIONED THAT AT PRESENT HIS PRIMARY PRE-OCCUPATION IS PREPARING SOME FORM OF FURTHER REMONSTRANCE WITH THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT OVER THE LATTER'S DELAYING TACTICS IN HOLDING UP PERMISSION FOR BRITISH AID PERSON-
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NEL TO ENTER BHUTAN. FOLLOWING DAY EMBOFF BRIEFED

O'NEILL'S DEPUTY ON BASIS OF REFTEL.

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